

Remarks

Claims 9-12, 21-30, 32-77 and 79 are pending in this application. The Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections of claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 9-12, 21-30, 32-77 and 79 are objected to. Claims 9, 10, 21, 41, 53, and 65 have been amended to remove non-elected subject matter. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to further prosecute non-elected subject matter in subsequent patent applications claiming the benefit of priority to the instant application. 35 USC § 120.

Fees

The Applicants believe there are no fees required in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to our Deposit Account, 06-1448.

Conclusion

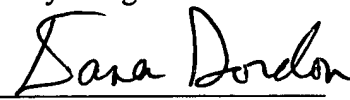
In view of the above amendments, the Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

155 Seaport Boulevard
Boston, MA 02210
Telephone: (617) 832-1000
Telecopier: (617) 832-7000

Date: September 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,
Patent Group
Foley Hoag LLP

By:


Dana M. Gordon, PhD
Reg. No. 44,719
Attorney for Applicants